

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

) Group Art Unit: 2811

Shunpei YAMAZAKI et al.

) Examiner: S. Hu

Serial No. 09/334,646

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND
FABRICATION METHOD

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THEREOF

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**REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The Applicants note with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on May 30, 2000, October 4, 2000, September 26, 2001, March 13, 2002, and April 30, 2003. The Applicants also note the partial consideration of the IDS filed on June 17, 1999, a partially initialed copy of which was included with the Official Action dated December 27, 1999. The following references were not considered by the Examiner: (1) C. Hayzelden et al., "*In Situ* Transmission Electron Microscopy Studies of Silicide-Mediated Crystallization of Amorphous Silicon" (3 pages); (2) A.V. Dvurechenskii et al., "Transport Phenomena in Amorphous Silicon Doped by Ion Implantation of 3d Metals," Akademikian Lavrentev Prospekt 13, 630090 Novosibirsk 90, USSR, pp. 635-640; and (3) R. Kakkad et al., "Low Temperature Selective Crystallization of Amorphous Silicon," *Journal of Non-Crystalline Solids*, 115, 1989, pp. 66-68.

In response to the Applicants' request in the *Amendment* filed June 11, 2003, the Examiner notes in the Official Action dated August 20, 2003, that copies of the Hayzelden and Kakkad articles were not found in the parent application Serial No. 08/513,090. However, the Examiner has not indicated whether parent application Serial No. 08/938,310 was reviewed. Also, it is unclear from the record whether the Examiner has a

copy of the Dvurechenskiii article. It does not appear that the Dvurechenskiii article has been considered.

The Official Action asserts that the IDS fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2). The Applicants respectfully disagree. Please note that the present application is a Division (DIV) of copending applications Serial No. 08/513,090, filed August 9, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,731,613, and Serial No. 08/938,310, filed September 26, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,959,313. Under 37 CFR 1.98(d)(1), the Applicants are permitted to rely on an earlier submission of prior art in a parent application if the "earlier application is properly identified in the information disclosure statement and is relied on for an earlier effective filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120." The '090 and '310 applications are properly identified in the IDS, in the *Utility Patent Application Transmittal*, and in amendment to the specification in the *Preliminary Amendment*, all of which were filed June 17, 1999. Therefore, the IDS filed June 17, 1999, fully complies with 37 CFR 1.98, and all the references cited therein should be considered.

In response and as a courtesy to the Examiner, the Applicants have provided herewith copies of the Hayzelden article, the Dvurechenskiii article, the Kakkad article, the IDS and Form PTO-1449 filed June 17, 1999, and the receipt cards noting the filing of the IDS and Form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the Hayzelden article, the Dvurechenskiii article, and the Kakkad article cited in this IDS be considered by the Examiner and an initialed Form 1449 returned evidencing such consideration.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in considering the IDS filed June 17, 1999, or to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Based On Serial No. 08/938,310) Art Unit: 2811
Which Was Filed: September 26, 1997) Examiner: F. Abraham
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND)
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Sir:

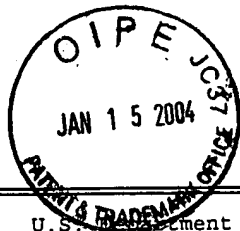
In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, it is requested that the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record in the above-identified application.

The references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in parent application Serial No. 08/938,310 filed September 26, 1997, and its predecessor application Serial No. 08/513,090.

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Examiner Initial	Patent Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date (if appropriate)
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	5,500,538	03/19/96	Yamazaki et al.			
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	5,581,092	12/03/96	Takemura	257	192	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Subclass	Translation Yes No

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Relevant Pages, Date, Place of Publication)

	C. Hayzelden et al., "In Situ Transmission Electron Microscopy Studies of Silicide-Mediated Crystallization of Amorphous Silicon" (3 pages)
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	T. Hempel et al., "Needle-Like Crystallization of Ni Doped Amorphous Silicon Thin Films", <u>Solid State Communications</u> , Vol. 85, No. 11, pp. 921-924, 1993.
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	G. Liu et al., "Polycrystalline silicon thin film transistors on Corning 7059 glass substrates using short time, low-temperature processing," <u>Appl. Phys. Lett.</u> 62(20), May 17, 1993, pp. 2554-2556.
	G. Liu et al., "Selective area crystallization of amorphous silicon films by low-temperature rapid thermal annealing," <u>Appl. Phys. Lett.</u> 55(7), August 14, 1989, pp. 660-662.
	R. Kakkad et al., "Low Temperature Selective Crystallization of Amorphous Silicon," <u>Journal of Non-Crystalline Solids</u> , 115, 1989, pp. 66-68.

Examiner

Date Considered

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